

the gentleman knows, four of the bills received over 400 votes when they were first passed on the House floor not too long ago. We think those are positive steps.

So, I look forward to next week being a week in which we can vote together on something. I'm sure America does as well. Again, I want to congratulate Steve Case for the work that he has done with respect to this package.

I do want to, however, say that we do look forward to additional legislation dealing with jobs creation. We've talked about the President's jobs bill or other jobs bills that might be offered. We would look forward to those coming forward, as well.

Let me ask the gentleman: one of the jobs-related bills that we're talking about, of course, is infrastructure, in this case, the highway bill, the infrastructure bill. The gentleman did not mention that for next week. And I know he's concerned about it. We're all concerned about the March 31 date on which the highway program will run out of authorization. As the gentleman knows, there is a severe funding shortage, and it is our fear, our concern, that literally hundreds of thousands of people will lose their jobs if we do not act.

Can the gentleman tell me when he thinks we might be acting on either a big bill or an extension? I'll yield to my friend.

Mr. CANTOR. I thank the gentleman for the question.

As the gentleman knows, there's been a lot of discussion about the way forward given the fiscal reality of the transportation trust fund, and talks are continuing to ensue as we continue to watch what the other body does on this issue as well, knowing full well the March 31 deadline that we're facing.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information. I want to assure him that our side of the aisle looks forward to working with his side of the aisle towards hopefully coming together with a bipartisan bill which will certainly keep the program going. But from our perspective, it is more than an investment in infrastructure, which this country needs to remain competitive, but it is also an investment in job creation, which we think this bill will do as well.

The Export-Import Bank authorization, as the gentleman also knows, will be coming to a close, and Financial Services has shared jurisdiction with that. Can the gentleman tell me what the status of the Export-Import Bank is? As the gentleman knows, I think we have a joint agenda, because I think a lot of things on there are supported by both sides of the aisle, what we call a Make It in America agenda. We believe this is very important for Make It in America—encouraging manufacturing and job creation here in America. Can the gentleman tell me the status of the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank? I yield to my friend.

Mr. CANTOR. I thank the gentleman, Mr. Speaker. I think the gentleman

knows that both his staff and mine are in constant communication on this bill as late as I think last night and have met to discuss the options as to how we proceed forward. Again, we are very mindful of the expiration, or looming expiration, or need for, if you will, of the passage of this bill and look forward to continuing to work with him and his team to make sure that we get the resolution right and are able to proceed.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for those comments, and we look forward to continuing to work together.

The next question I would like to ask is, clearly, we're coming up on March 15 in the not-too-distant future. It's my understanding from CHRIS VAN HOLLEN, who is the ranking member of the Budget Committee, that he believes that the committee will markup a budget on the 19th with the possibility of reporting a budget to the floor on the 26th of this month.

Can the gentleman tell me, is that a schedule that he contemplates, and is that information accurate? I yield to my friend.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is correct. He stated this sort of series of events that we anticipate, and we look to making sure that we're doing everything to facilitate that and have the budget on the floor, hopefully, by the end of this month.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, let me say that Mr. CANTOR and I had the opportunity to speak on the floor today. We spoke on behalf of a resolution that was passed overwhelmingly, unanimously, that spoke to commemorating the march that both the majority leader and I have participated in in the past, and I'll be participating in again this weekend, a march commemorating the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge from Selma to Montgomery.

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Today was a day of unity on the floor of this House in which Mr. LUNGREN and Mr. LEWIS and others expressed their thoughts, as did so many of the rest of us, about how this is a great lesson on the fact that we have not always been where we promised to be as a Nation, but that we've made progress, and a reminder that there is still progress yet to be done.

I want to thank the majority leader for his comments that he made on the floor today and for his focus on this issue.

I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman and would say that the gentleman has been a huge supporter and participant in the pilgrimage to Alabama marking that event, that day in history, and I look forward to his participation in the process of making sure that the House Historian has the necessary information to accurately reflect the House's role, the Members of the House's role, and certainly the gentleman's role in the pilgrimage to

Alabama celebrating that event. Frankly, as he indicates, Mr. Speaker, a reminder to us all that this country didn't always get it right, but we are continuing to work together to make sure that we are that land of equal rights and opportunities for all.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his comments, and as he observes, House Members have participated in this.

There is a wonderful organization known as Faith & Politics. We believe strongly in the separation of church and State, but as I tell people, we do not believe in the separation of the values our faiths teach and the policies that we pursue. There is that discussion, and multifaiths are represented in those discussions.

As the majority leader and I are of different faiths, we are of one mind with respect to ensuring that the values of our respective faiths are realized in our public policies.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday next for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

#### IT'S SOCCER TIME

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, two American soldiers were killed today in Afghanistan.

While our amazing troops are still in the rugged field of battle fighting people who kill in the name of religion, a new field is getting ready for its grand opening at Guantanamo Bay.

Finishing touches are being put on a swanky high-dollar soccer field for criminal terrorist detainees at Gitmo. And, of course, Americans are picking up the \$750,000 tab for the recreational facilities for these criminals.

Isn't that lovely?

The U.S. Government is giving these radical extremists access to the soccer field for 20 hours a day. What follows, a terrorist soccer league? These radicals should be doing hard time, not soccer time.

Our government has no business building this tropical Caribbean recreational facility for terrorists. It is disrespectful and insulting to all who are victims of these killers.

What is next at this terrorist playground, a tiki hut and bar at the beach?